(b) and (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/U.T. Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance for the tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has sanctioned a project for Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa to develop tourist facilities at Laiitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi for an amount of Rs. 740.67 lakh during the year 2004-05 under the Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits Scheme.

**Development of websites for tourism in States**

931. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central financial assistance on 50:50 basis is given to State Governments/Union Territories as a part of their IT initiatives for developing their websites, networking, computerisation, procurement of multi-media projection system etc. in the interest of enhancing tourism in India;

(b) if so, the details of financial assistance provided to different States/ Union Territories during last three years; and

(c) how far this assistance has been utilised by them and its impact on the tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of financial assistance provided to different States/Union Territories during last three years are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) The IT assistance is sanctioned to different States to improve the networking system in their accommodation units, reservation systems and to host and upgrade their websites as a means of easy communication within and outside the country.

***Statement***

*Development of websites for tourism in the States*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| SI. No. | State/UT | Details of the scheme sanctioned | Amount Sanctioned |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | **Year 2002-03** | | |
| 1. | Chhattisgarh | Purchase of Laptop Computer and LCD Projector for Deptt. of Tourism | 30.00 |
| 2. | Delhi | (a) Purchase of LCD Projectors with Laptops<br>b) Purchase of Computers and peripherals<br>c) Production of Virtual Reality CDROMs of Monuments for Deptt. of Tourism | 13.53 |
| 3. | Kerala | Production of CD ROM on GIS Maps of Kerala | 36.00 |
| | | Networking of Guest Houses of Kerala Tourism | 25.00 |
| 4. | Orissa | Purchase of Laptop Computer and LCD Projector for Deptt. of Tourism | 7.50 |
| 5. | Sikkim Year | Wireless communication system for Deptt. of Tourism | 4.80 |
| 1. | Karnataka | For Installation of Handy Audio Reach Kit at Belur, Hassan District in Karnataka | 11.46 |
| 2. | Karnataka | For Installation and purchase of IT equipments for Jungle Lodges and Resort | 9.70 |
| 3. | Karnataka | For purchase of IT Infrastructure for KSTDC Ltd. | 15.80 |
| 4. | Kerala | For Production of Virtual Walkthrough CD ROMs on Kerala Kalamandalam | 6.50 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. | Kerala | For Production of VCDs on Tourist Attractions of Kerala | 17.00 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | For Computerisation and Integration of Offices and properties of Tourism Deptt. of MP. | 48.20 |
| 7. | Sikkim | For production of CD ROMs | 42.14 |
| 8. | Sikkim | For production of GIS Maps in the State | 58.40 |
| 9. | Haryana | For production of CD/VCD on the Culture, traditional art by Tourism Deptt. | 4.50 |
| 10. | Haryana | For installation of Multi Media Kiosks by State Tourism | 8.72 |
| 11. | Haryana | For Production of Virtual Walkthrough CD ROMs by Deptt. of Tourism | 12.25 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | For Marketing and Publicizing tourism product using IT by Tourism Deptt. | 22.50 |
| 13. | Tamil Nadu | For Installation of Payment Gateway System by State Tourism Department | 3.00 |
| 14. | Andhra Pradesh | For Development of CDs on Tourist Destinations by Tourism Deptt. of A. P. | 24.00 |
| 15. | Andhra Pradesh | For Development of VISTA Software for Online Software by Deptt. of Tourism | 22.50 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | For IT scheme for Tourism Deptt. of Meghalaya | 38.72 |
| | **Year 2004-05** | | |
| 1. | Maharashtra | Upgradation of Technology & Computerization for Deptt. of Tourism | 46.37 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | Kerala | IT project for production of CDA/CD, Deptt. of Tourism | 29.00 |
| 3. | Kerala | IT Project—Deptt. of Tourism | 21.00 |
| 4. | Madhya Pradesh | IT project for Deptt. of Tourism | 50.00 |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | Upgradation of website, production of CDA/CD for Deptt. of Tourism | 20.00 |
| 6. | Punjab | Preparation of CD ROM for Deptt. of Tourism | 13.57 |
| 7. | Rajasthan | Translation of website in foreign languages for Deptt of Tourism | 24.42 |
| 8. | Uttaranchal | Tourism Networking for Deptt. of Tourism | 50.00 |
| 9. | Delhi | Revamping of existing website for Deptt. of Tourism | 48.85 |
| 10. | Chhattisgarh | IT projects for Deptt. of Tourism | 31.68 |
| 11. | Pondicherry | IT Project for Deptt. ofTourism | 11.73 |
| 12. | Jammu & Kashmir | Preparation of Photo and Information CD for Deptt. of Tourism | 14.25 |
| 13. | Nagaland | IT projects for networking for Deptt. of Tourism | 70.00 |

**Tourism projects for HP**

932. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh had sent any proposal for developing tourism projects;

(b) if so, the names of the tourism projects and the amount sanctioned for each project; and